

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1394  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2020**

**SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS**

**1394. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the country is almost 81 per cent short of specialists in rural Community Health Centres;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government is aware that the villages are short by approximately 3000 doctors in the Primary Health Centres?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND  
FAMILY WELFARE  
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (c) Public Health being a State Subject, all the administrative and personnel matters, including that of recruitment of specialist doctors in public health facilities lie with the respective State Governments. The shortage of health human resource in public health facilities varies from State to State depending upon their policies and context. However, under National Health Mission (NHM), financial and technical supports are provided to the State/UTs to strengthen their healthcare systems including support for recruitment of health human resource (Specialists Doctors and other health workers), based on the requirements posed by them in their Programme Implementation Plans (PIPs) within their overall resource envelope.

As per Rural Health Statistics 2018-19 (as on 31st March 2019) brought out by this Ministry based on the information provided by State/UTs, the State/UT wise details of requirement and shortfall of Specialists and Doctors at Community Health Centres and Primary Health Centres respectively are provided at Annexure.

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**Annexure****State/UT wise Required & Shortfall of Specialists at Community Health Centres and Doctors at Primary Health Centres in Rural Areas across India (As on 31st March, 2019)**

S. No.	State/UT	Specialists at Community Health Centres		Doctors at Primary Health Centres	
		Required <sup>1</sup>	Shortfall	Required <sup>1</sup>	Shortfall
1	Andhra Pradesh	560	323	1145	*
2	Arunachal Pradesh	252	248	143	27
3	Assam	708	572	946	*
4	Bihar	600	518	1899	*
5	Chhattisgarh	680	619	792	471
6	Goa	20	15	24	*
7	Gujarat	1448	1330	1476	*
8	Haryana	460	445	379	*
9	Himachal Pradesh	348	343	586	100
10	Jammu & Kashmir	336	94	622	*
11	Jharkhand	684	618	298	*
12	Karnataka	792	327	2127	16
13	Kerala	908	873	848	*
14	Madhya Pradesh	1236	1132	1199	146
15	Maharashtra	1456	971	1828	*
16	Manipur	92	89	90	*
17	Meghalaya	112	108	118	*
18	Mizoram	36	36	59	*
19	Nagaland	84	76	126	*
20	Odisha	1508	1272	1288	475
21	Punjab	356	263	416	*
22	Rajasthan	2284	1829	2082	150
23	Sikkim	8	8	29	*
24	Tamil Nadu	1540	1361	1422	*
25	Telangana	340	82	636	*
26	Tripura	72	70	108	*
27	Uttarakhand	268	241	257	*
28	Uttar Pradesh	2716	2232	2936	*
29	West Bengal	1392	1321	908	98
30	A & N Islands	16	16	22	*
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0
32	D & N Haveli	8	8	9	*
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	4	1
34	Delhi	0	0	5	0
35	Lakshadweep	12	12	4	*
36	Puducherry	8	7	24	*
	<b>All India<sup>2</sup>/ Total</b>	<b>21340</b>	<b>17459</b>	<b>24855</b>	<b>1484</b>

\*: There is a Surplus of Doctors against the required number of Doctors in some of States/UTs

Notes: 1. Four Specialists Doctors per Community Health Centre as per IPHS norms

2. One Doctor per Primary Health Centre as per IPHS norms

3. All India figure for Shortfall is the sum of State/UT-wise Shortfall ignoring surplus in some State/UTs

4. Specialist includes Surgeon, OB&GY, Physician & Pediatrician